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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN FLOODS: PRIORITY ROMANIAN NEEDS IN SEEDS.

REF: A) BUCHAREST 3418; (B) BUCHAREST 3308

1. MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE HAS PROVIDED LIST OF PRIORITY NEEDS IN SEEDS AS PROMISED BY DEPUTY MINISTER STANCIU ON JULY 18 (REFTEL A). REPLYING TO EMBOFF'S OBSERVATION THAT EMBASSY HAD EXPECTED TO SEE MENTION PRIMARILY OF SEED GRAINS, AGRICULTURE OFFICIALS RESPONDED THAT BARLEY AND WHEAT COULD PROBABLY NOT BE RE-SOWN THIS SEASON, WHILE EVENTUAL NEED FOR CORN SEED COULD NOT YET BE DETERMINED. EVEN IF SOME USE FOR WHEAT OR BARLEY SEED IS IDENTIFIED LATER, NEED WILL BE LESS PRONOUNCED THAN THAT FOR VEGETABLE SEED. POINTING OUT THAT MOST SEED FARMS FOR VEGETABLES WERE IN SANDY STRIPS ALONG RIVER VALLEYS AND THAT THESE AREAS WERE HARDEST-HIT BY FLOODS, OFFICIALS SAID MINISTRY FEARED SHORTAGE OF VEGETABLES NEXT YEAR IF SEED SUPPLY WERE NOT REPLENISHED PROMPTLY.

2. WITH REGARD TO DELIVERY REQUIREMENTS, EMBASSY HAD EXPECTED TO BE ADVISED OF PERIODS IN WHICH VARIOUS SEED VARIETIES

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WOULD BE PLANTED BUT IN HANDING OVER CURRENT LIST OFFICIALS

MERLY SAID THAT RECEIPT BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER WAS NECESSARY. DETAILS WILL BE SOUGHT ON THIS SCORE. IN MEAN-TIME,FOLLOWING IS DATA AS RECEIVED:

PEAS, ALASKA	2,000 MT
BEANS, GARDEN	1,000 MT
HARVESTER	300 MT
PROCESSOR	200 MT
SPRITTE (SIC)	300 MT
NIAGARA	200 MT
TOMATOES, PACKING	3,000 KG
E. PEARSON VF-36	500 KG
EARLY PACK	500 KG
NEWYORKER	500 KG
V.F. 65	500 KG
V. F. 145/B 78-79	500 KG
HEINTZ 1706	100 KG
NAPOLI V. F.	100 KG
CHICO III	100 KG
VENTURA	100 KG
ROMA V. F.	100 KG

3. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, GOR HAS NOT APPROACHED OTHER GOVERNMENTS FOR SEEDS NOR BEEN OFFERED ASSISTANCE IN THE FORM
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OF SEEDS TO DATE ALTHOUGH GERMAN AMBASSADOR MENTIONED VISITING GERMAN EXPERT THAT THIS WAS A POSSIBLE AREA. IF QUANTITIES REQUESTED BY GOR APPEAR REASONABLE, POSITIVE RESPONSE ON GRANT BASIS APPEARS TO BE IN ORDER. DEPENDING ON FINDINGS RE MEDICAMENT NEEDS (BUCHAREST 3308). COMMITMENT OF PART OF AMBASSADOR 'S \$25,000 DISCRETIONARY FUND FOR SEED PURCHASE MERITS CONSIDERATION. IN THIS CONTEXT, WE NOT THAT DONATIONS ALREADY PROMISED TO ROMANIAN RED

CROSS, AT LEAST PART OF WHICH WOULD BE USED FOR PURCHASE
OF MEDICINES, NOW TOTAL OVER \$370,000.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE COMMENT ON SEED REQUEST AND ROUGH
ESTIMATE OF DOLLAR VALUE OF QUANTITIES DESIRED.
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